

**Colossians: Jesus Over All**  
**You Belong In The Mission 5 of 11**  
**Cornerstone Church Of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
**May 10, 2026**

**Sermon Notes**

**Big Idea:** The church is not just something we attend—it's something we belong to.  
And every believer has a role in helping others grow in Christ.

**Because You Belong In The Mission:**

**1. Embrace Your Role in Christ's Mission**

<sup>24</sup> Now I **rejoice** in what was **suffered** for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to **Christ's afflictions**, for the sake of His body, which is the **church**. <sup>25</sup> I have become its **servant** by the **commission** God gave me to present to you the **word of God in its fullness**-- <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of **this mystery**, which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**.  
**Colossians 1:24-27 (NIV)**

We are often troubled, but not crushed; sometimes in doubt, but never in despair;

<sup>9</sup> there are many enemies, but we are never without a friend; and though badly hurt at times, we are not destroyed. <sup>10</sup> At all times we carry in our mortal bodies the death of Jesus, so that his life also may be seen in our bodies. **2 Corinthians 4:8-10 (TEV)**

→ God didn't just **rescue** you from something—He **placed** you into the body of Christ.

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**2. Help Others Grow to Maturity in Christ**

<sup>28</sup> We proclaim Him, **admonishing** and **teaching** everyone with all wisdom, so that we may **present everyone perfect in Christ**. <sup>29</sup> To this end I **labor, struggling** with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. **Colossians 1:28-29 (NIV)**

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> **to prepare God's people for works of service**, so that the body of Christ may be **built up** <sup>13</sup> until we all reach **unity in the faith** and in the **knowledge** of the Son of God and become **mature**, attaining to the whole measure of the **fullness of Christ**. <sup>14</sup> Then we will **no longer be infants**, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. **Ephesians 4:11-15 (NIV)**

→ We don't just follow Jesus—we help others follow Him.

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### 3. Stay Rooted in Christ and United in Love

I want you to know how much **I am struggling for you** and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. <sup>2</sup> My purpose is that they may be **encouraged in heart and united in love**, so that they may have the full riches of **complete understanding**, in order that they may **know the mystery of God, namely, Christ**, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I tell you this so that **no one may deceive** you by fine-sounding arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see **how orderly you are** and how **firm your faith in Christ is**. **Colossians 2:1-5 (NIV)**

→ A strong church stays **rooted in Christ** and **connected in love**.

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### NEXT RIGHT STEPS

#### This week, I will:

- Take one intentional step to grow in Christ
- Spend time in the Devotional Journal through Colossians
- Serve with faithfulness in my church: Go to Church Center –“Ready To Serve”

#### Cornerstone Ministries I may be interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration/ IT       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Children</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Teens                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meal Train/ Meals        | <input type="checkbox"/> First Impressions | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/Café                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Media &amp; Sound</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Bread             | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Prayer &amp; Celebration of Life Quilts</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities               | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship           | <input type="checkbox"/> Care Team – prayer & service                   |

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**Talk It Over**

**Leader Focus:**

- ✓ Review questions beforehand so you are prepared
- ✓ Honor your time commitment as a group.
- ✓ Keep discussion relational, not reactive
- ✓ Reinforce grace, humility, and unity

**Opening Prayer:** Ask God to help you not just understand your role in the church—but to step into it this week.

**Icebreaker (5 minutes):** What is something you've been part of (team, family, group) where everyone's role mattered?

What happened when people didn't contribute?

**Read Colossians 1:24–2:5 together.**

**Big Idea:** The church is not something we attend—it's something we are part of.  
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**Discussion Questions**

Family / Youth Friendly Questions

1. Which action step stood out to you most this week?
  - Embrace your role
  - Help others grow
  - Stay rooted and unified
2. Why is it sometimes easy to just “attend church” instead of engaging in it?

➤ **Embrace Your Role in Christ's Mission**

Read Colossians 1:24–27

3. Paul saw himself as a servant of the church. What do you think your role is in helping others follow Jesus?

4. What keeps people from stepping into their role in the church?

- fear
- busyness
- insecurity
- not knowing how

5. Who is one person God may be calling you to encourage or invest in?

➤ **Help Others Grow to Maturity in Christ**

Read Colossians 1:28–29

6. Paul’s goal was to present people “mature in Christ.” What does spiritual maturity look like in real life?

7. How are you currently growing in your faith? Where do you feel stuck?

8. What is one simple way you could help someone else grow spiritually this week?

➤ **Stay Rooted in Christ and United in Love**

Read Colossians 2:1–5

9. What does it look like to stay “rooted in Christ” in a busy, distracted world?

10. How can we intentionally build unity and encouragement within the church?

11. What are some things that threaten unity in the church today?

**Life Application**

This week, take one intentional step:

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**Optional Group Exercise (Highly Recommended)**

Go around the group and complete: “This week, I will help build the church by...”

Pray for:

- boldness to step into your role
- growth in Christ
- unity in your church